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## **PRESS RELEASE – FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH**

On 10-13-17 at 10:53 AM, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office responded to a motor vehicle crash involving two passenger cars on CTH A at the intersection with CTH B, in the Township of Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

Preliminary investigation shows that Iva M. Schwoch (90 years old, from Burnett, WI) was operating a Buick which was traveling west on CTH B approaching the intersection with CTH A (CTH B traffic is controlled by stop signs at the intersection with CTH A). Sean R. Mertz (43 years old from Watertown, WI) was operating a Honda which was traveling south on CTH A approaching the intersection with CTH B. The Buick entered the intersection and the two vehicles collided.

Schwoch was transported to Beaver Dam hospital but was pronounced dead prior to being transferred to UW Hospital (in Madison, WI) by Flight for Life. Mertz was not injured in the crash.

Assisting at the scene were Beaver Dam Police, Beaver Dam Fire Department, Beaver Dam Paramedics, Flight for Life, Dodge County Emergency Response Team and the sheriff's office Chaplain.

Dodge County has investigated 17 fatal crashes to this date in 2017, compared to 10 at this same time in 2016.

The crash remains under investigation by the Dodge County Crash Investigation Team and the Dodge County Medical Examiner.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.